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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN

E.O11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, VE

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE SUPPLIED TODAY TO THE PRESS  
OFFICE IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR USE ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS.  
THE QUESTION DID NOT COME UP.

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE PRESIDENT MET WITH THE  
VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR RECENTLY TO DISCUSS OIL PRICES?

A. THE PRESIDENT DID MEET WITH THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR  
ON DECEMBER 1.

Q. WAS THE SUBJECT OIL?

A. I THINK THAT IS A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION. I AM NOT  
GOING TO GET INTO ANY DETAIL ON WHAT WAS A PRIVATE  
MEETING.

Q. WHY WASN'T THE MEETING ANNOUNCED?

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A. THE PRESIDENT FROM TIME TO TIME HAS PRIVATE MEETINGS  
AND THESE ARE NOT ALWAYS ANNOUNCED.

Q. HAS THE PRESIDENT MET SECRETLY WITH AMBASSADORS  
OF THE OTHER MAJOR OPEC COUNTRIES SUCH AS SAUDI  
ARABIA AND IRAN?

A. LOOK, THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN HAVING AND WILL BE  
HAVING A NUMBER OF PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS  
INDIVIDUALS BUT THESE ARE NOT ALWAYS ANNOUNCED  
AND I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY DETAILS OF ANY  
PRIVATE MEETINGS WHICH MAY OCCUR.

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